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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITIES: IKHWAN

1. COLLEGE CAMPUSES ARE NOW QUIET. SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS  
PROTESTING SADAT LAW AND ORDER DECREE AND SEEKING REGISTER  
GENERAL ANTI-REGIME FEELINGURE OVER. AKHBAR REPORTS GOE  
HAS COMPLETED INTERROGATION OF TEN STUDENTS (NO NAMES GIVEN)  
WHO WERE ARRESTED FOR INCITEMENT FEB 12-13 CAMPUS DEMONSTRATIONS.  
THEY WILL REPORTEDLY BE BROUGHT TO TRAIN UNDER TERMS  
OF SADAT'S NEW DECREE.

2. WHAT INCREASINGLY CONCERNS OBSERVERS HERE, HOWEVER, IS NOT  
LEFTIST AGITATORS, BUT RATHER DISTURBING RISE IN SELF-  
CONFIDENCE OF RIGHTIST GROUPS ON CAMPUS. THE IKHWAN PERIODICAL  
AL-DA'WA VIRTUALLY ANNOUNCES IN ITS CURRENT EDITION  
THAT THE HEAD OF CAIRO UNIV'S ISLAMIC SOCIETY, WHOSE TITLE  
IS "AMIR", IS AN IKHWAN MEMBER. THIS INDIVIDUAL, NAMED  
ABD AL-MUN'IM ABD AL-FUTTUH, IS THE BEARDED AND ROBED  
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DISSIDENT WHO ACCUSED SADAT (IN TELEVISED DEBATE WITH  
STUDENTS) OF UNACCEPTABLE SECULARISM (CAIRO 2065). SAME  
STUDENT HAS HAD PUBLICIZED MEETING RECENTLY WITH VISITING  
DEL FROM MEDINA UNIV. HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE DEMANDING FROM  
INCREASINGLY COWED PROFESSORS THAT ALL CLASSES CEASE AT  
PRAYER TIMES, THAT CLASSES BE SEGREGATED, THAT TEN MINUTES  
OF CLASSES TIME BE GIVEN OVER TO QUR'ANIC READING AND THE

LIKE. MANY OF OUR COPTIC CONTACTS, ALREADY WORRIED BY IKHWAN REVIVAL LAST YEAR, ARE NOW DISTRESSED. MUSLIM INTELLECTUALS ARE LIKEWISE WORRIED. WITH LEFTIST DISSIDENTS ON CAMPUS NOW BEING CAREFULLY WATCHED, THERE IS NO GROUP WHICH WILL STAND UP TO RIGHT WING FANATICS.

3. A SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY GOE FOR CAMPUS CONTROL IS REINSTITUTIONG OF A UNIV GUARD SYSTEM. UNDER NASSER, PPLICEMEN WERE PERMANENTLY STATIONED ON CAMPUSES WITH POWERS OF ARREST. WHEN SADAT CAME TO POWER, HE BANISHED THESE POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FROM ALL CAMPUSES. WE UNDERSTAND ALEXANDRIA UNIV DEAN OF ENGINEERING WAS FIRST TO SUGGEST IN PUBLIC THAT SOME GUARD SYSTEM BE SET UP AGAIN AND CABINET DISCUSSED SUGGESTION JUST AFTER JAN RIOTS. PROPOSAL WAS PUT FORTH IN CONTEXT OF CONTROLLING LEFTISTS, BUT MANY EGYPTIANS ARE NOW MORE CONCERNED WITH CONTROLLING RIGHTISTS. LIBERAL WRITER LEWIS AWAD, WHO IS PRESUMABLY AGAINST REINTRODUCTION OF POLICE/INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, SUGGESTED RECENTLY IN AHARAM THAT A CORPS OF GUARDS BE HIRED DIRECTLY BY UNIVERSITIES.

4. COMMENT: IN LONG TALK WITH EMBOFF, SAUDI POLOFF ACKNOWLEDGED HIS EMBASSY HAD ARRANGED MEETING BETWEEN IKHWAN STUDENT LEADER AND MEDINA STUDENTS, EXPLAINING THAT SAG IS ACTIVELY SEEKING INFLUENCE EGYPTIAN YOUTH TOWARD STEADYING INFLUENCE OF ISLAM. THIS NECESSARY, HE CONTENTED, IN VIEW COMMUNIST MENANCE WHICH HAS ALLEGEDLY INCREEASED TO POINT OF PRESENTING GRAVE DANGER TO SADAT REGIME. WHEN EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT IKHWAN HAS HISTORY OF CREATING ITS OWN MENANCE TO ESTABLISHED CONFIDENTIAL

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ARAB REGIMES, SAUDI SAID SAG CONCERNED WITH PROMOTING MODERATE, NOT RADICAL, ISLAM.

5. WE DO NOT SHARE VIEW THAT "COMMUNISTS" HAVE ACHIEVED PERVASIVE CONSTITUENCY (SAUDI DEFINITION OF COMMUNISM IS UNUSUALLY BROAD). NEITHER DO WE WATCH RISING IKHWAN INFLUENCE WITH APPARENT EQUANIMITY OF SAUDI EMBASSY. NEVERTHELESS, WE ASSUME SADAT'S RECOLLECTION OF IKHWAN BID FOR POWER IN 1950'S WILL SERVE AS CURB ON HIS ALLOWING IKHWAN PERMISSION TO ORGANIZE OPENLY AS POLITICAL MOVEMENT NOW. EILTS

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